



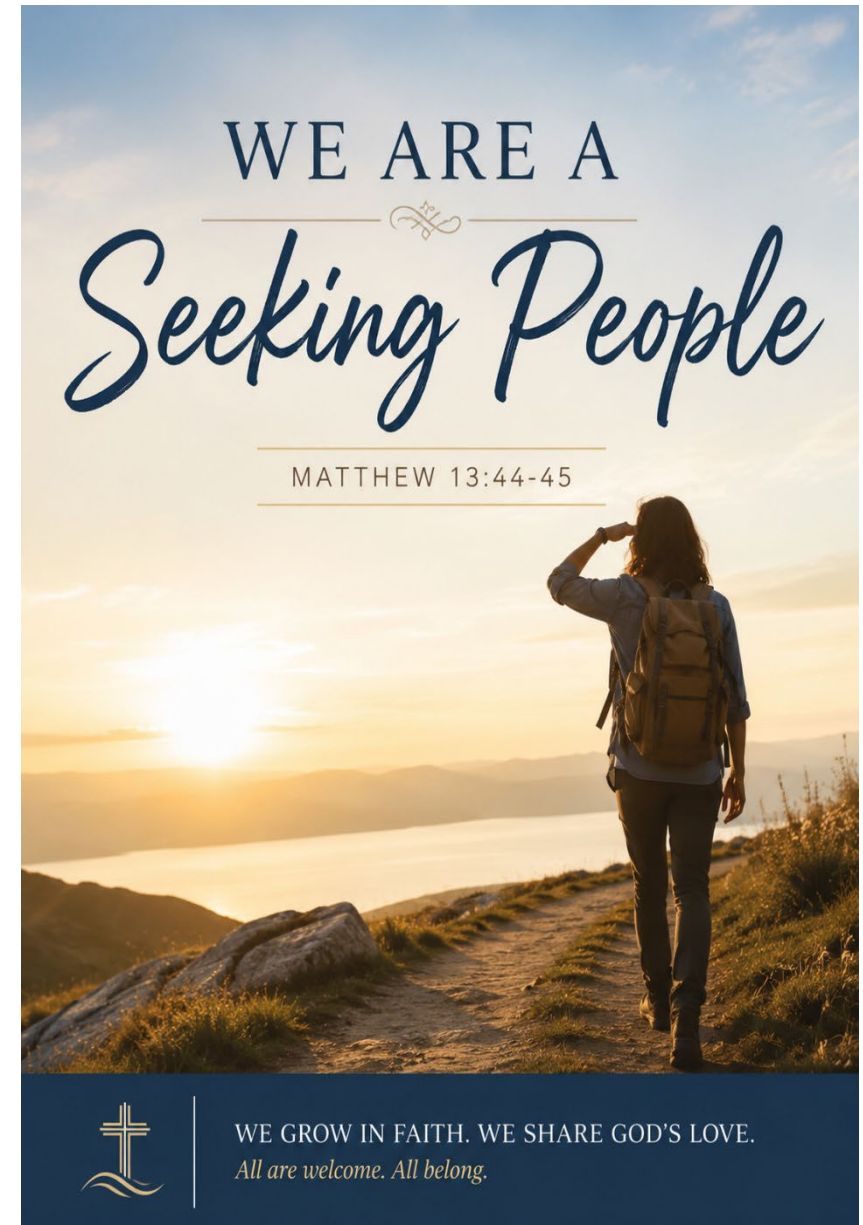
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Our Christian Worship of God
July 26, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship “Surely the Presence of the Lord” *arr. Wolfe*

*The Hymn No.405 “Seek Ye First”

The Invocation

The Anthem “Come, Thou Fount” *Courtney*

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed No 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. *universal**

*The Gloria Patri “**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:45-46

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you**
Minister: Let us pray.

The Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Welcome and Announcements
The Children’s Church
(Children 3 years old through 5th grades dismiss to Children’s Church with Mrs. Jessica.)

The Offering

Offertory “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *arr. Hayes*

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen”

No 95

*The Hymn No. 454 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

The Sermon “We Are a Seeking People” Sheri Stone

The Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn No. 399 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

*The Benediction, by the Minister

*The Choral Response and Recessional
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*The Chiming of the Trinity

*The Postlude

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able